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The first and foremost to be stated, or identified, as a fundamental part of 'ABD AL-WAHAB HASBULLAH Globalization Research Station's (AWH-GRS) organizational design is its "study agenda", that is the scope of its works. This paper will try to describe the station's study agenda, as implied by its name tag, which shall elaborate and operationalize how "globalization", as its issue, theme, or focus of study, is going to be researched. As a proposal of scoping at an initial phase, this paper shall be treated as a manuscript-in-progress, so that any further revisions will be made in regards of contextual as well as internal developments of the station.

In so doing, a mind map of the station's study agenda as the summary of this paper has been attached. Henceforth, its elaboration will be conducted in three main sections, i.e. (a) substances, (b) formats, and (c) characteristics.

A. Substances of Globalization Studies

Most importantly in regards of its mission, there are two main divisions of topics, or contents, selected as the station's study agenda, i.e. (1) "Globalization Studies" in general, and (2) "NU and Islamic Studies". The matrix below shall outline and identify inlines comprising the topics, which was designed to be as comprehensive as possible in capturing the issue—as a synthesizing results of our long, informal discussions since about 2017.

The Station's Study Agenda Substances

	<i>Outlines</i>	<i>Inlines</i>
GLOBALIZATION Studies	Area/Regional Studies	European Studies, American Studies, Middle East Studies, African Studies, Asian Studies, Pacific Studies, etc.
	Country Studies	178 Countries/States
	Global Issues	Polity/Governance, Economy, Culture, Religion, Education, Science, Technology, Environment, Energy, Military & Defence, Conflicts, War & Terrorism, Media & Communication, Digital World, Development, Poverty, Ideologies, Tourism, etc.
	Global Actors	United Nations System, International Non-Governmental Organizations, Multinational Corporations, Transnational Interest Groups, Military & Defence Treaty Organizations, International Initiatives/Movements, Regional Organizations, etc.
	Globalization Theories	Sociology, Historics, International Relations, Education, Politics, Economics, Ecology, Anthropology, etc.
	Globalization Data	Globalization Statistics; Bibliography of Globalization Studies; Catalogue of Globalization R&D Institutes
	INDONESIA in Globalization	Portraying Indonesia in longitudinal/time-series & comparative data on various sectors

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<i>Outlines</i>		<i>Inlines</i>
NU & ISLAMIC Studies	English Video Documentaries	Pondok Pesantren NU Kyai, Nyai, Intellectuals NU Organs Nahdliyyin Activities, etc.
	English Encyclopedia	Multi-aspects of NU movement
	Social Studies of NU & Nahdliyyin	Multi-aspects of NU movement
	Capacity Development for NU	Short-courses on globalization analysis for NU cadres
	Bibliography on NU Studies	Traditional as well as “modern” texts, from domestic as well as foreign sources
	Observatory on Political Islam	A monitoring database on political Islamist groups in Indonesia & around the world

B. Formats of Globalization Studies

Having such a relatively broad scope of substances of globalization studies to be undertaken, and in order to make it compatibly fulfilling its mission, the station will arrange a set of most possible formats, i.e. types of study programme or project activities. The matrix below tries to shortly listing its varieties. In other words, it can also be read as services and knowledge products to be offered by the station to the public as well.

The Station's Study Agenda Formats

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Activities/Services & Knowledge Products</i>
Researches	Types : Empirical, Theoretical, Methodological
	Assignments : Individual, Collective/Group
Workshops	Topics : Empirical Data, Methodology, Theory Building
Documentations	Quantitative : Database Building on Globalization Statistics from various international sources, comprising various sectors
	Qualitative : Visual, Audial Documentations; Catalogues; Encyclopedias; Bibliographies; Video Documentaries; etc,
Publications	Knowledge Products: Research Report, Collective; Research Report, Monograph; Research Paper; Journal Paper/Article; News Media Articles/Op-ed; Think Pieces; Policy Briefs; Press Releases; Fact Sheets; E-Books; Info graphics, etc.—to be published in series and numbered
	Formats: Digital; Print
Disseminations	Seminars: Regular, Monthly; Occasional
Educations	Short-Courses/Learning; Public Lectures
Interventions	Public Campaigns; Policy Advocacy; Policy Dialogues & Lobbies

C. Characteristics of the Station's Works

Finally, if the above designs are to be implemented by our station, it is expected that we are going to, or at least encouraged to be, achieving some characteristics relevant to comply as a qualified research and development working group. Those are a set of qualities, values, or distinguishing features, as simply described by the matrix below.

The Station's Characteristics of Works

<i>Distinguishing Features</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Methodological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The station's works will be conducted by consistently following standardized scientific methodology, e.g. approaches, methods, techniques, & instruments.

<i>Distinguishing Features</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The station's works will also be innovating methodologies. ▪ The station's works are disciplinary, or multi-, inter-, or trans-disciplinary in nature.
Theoretical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The station's works are informative, in terms of understanding theories, testing theories, as well as building new theories. ▪ The station's works, therefore, will also be meeting scientific standards, e.g. validity, reliability, measurability, etc.
Empirical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The station's works are always based on reliable evidences, proofs, or data, quantitative as well as qualitative. ▪ The station's works, therefore, will play a significant roles in facilitating well-informed public debates. ▪ The station's works, in some parts, are directed to the efforts of database building.
Applicative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The station's works are intended to have usefulness for public understanding as well as further studies. ▪ The station's works are also oriented to have effectiveness for further intervention towards its mission.
Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The station's works are systematically structured for educational purposes. ▪ The station's works are disseminated to the public, in outreach as wide audiences as possible, national and international.
Multi-Lingual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In so doing, the station's works are presented not in Indonesian language merely, but in internationally recognized languages optionally (UN System: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish).
Digital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All processes as well as results of the station's works are documented and published in digital platforms as possible since we are living in a digital era.

The Station's Study Agenda Mind Map

